

# Summer sun, water and kids make for lots of fun times

Take a hot, humid day when the sun is shining so hard and long, the pavement burns your bare feet, and where will you find all the kids? Don't go looking ar-

ound the playgrounds and school yards - try the nearest body of water, be it lake, river, pond or puddle.

That's what The Herald photographer did last Wednesday afternoon in the middle of all that hot air and sunshine. There can be no more well-refined form of torture than standing fully clothed in 90-degree temper-

atures and taking pictures of other people jumping from tree stumps and tree limbs, and dropping off ropes into the cool, clear water of Halton Hills' lakes, ponds and

rivers. By far the most popular spot Wednesday afternoon was Prospect Park in Acton. Those not relaxing in the shade of the trees near the playground could be found along the edge of the pool or enjoying the water in the lake itself.

About 30 or 40 boys and girls were partaking of the enjoyment to be had from attempting various daredevil dives from the treetops, and concocting every possible variation of the cannonball and the bellyflop. Older boys showed off their courage by climbing higher and higher in the trees along the shore, and launching themselves from the upper branches.

Cedarvale Park, with its shaded river bank, was another popular spot, with parents bringing their lawn chairs to sit in the shade and watch their children wading in the creek.

Cherish the summer heat when the snow is three feet deep next January, the thought of summer, six months away, will almost make the cold bearable.

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Craig Kri takes a drip with a little help from his friends.



Look out, Dawn Campbell! It looks like Terri Paul and your brother, Paul, are about to cool you off with a nice shower.



It takes some preparation and advice before a man is ready...



...to take the plunge into a cool, clear lake...



...but perhaps what it really takes is a little style.

## CN seeks town OK for station closing

CN Rail is interested in getting together with the town of Halton Hills and community organizations to discuss an alternative use for the CN station in Georgetown, which they are proposing to close, but a CN spokesman told the town finance-administration committee Monday that a proper alternative can't be chosen until after the station has been closed.

Robert Doty, CN regional manager of community and government relations, said CN would like council support for its proposal to close the station building when the proposal goes to the Canadian Transport Commission (CTC) for a hearing. A hearing is necessary before CN can close the station.

Mr. Doty said CN is proposing to close the building be-

cause it is too large for its present purpose.

"We have a pretty large building pretty underutilized," he said. "It's like having a large house - it's fine when your family is at home, but when they grow up and move away, you don't really need all that space."

Mr. Doty said the closing of the station is the logical follow-up to CN policies to phase out the job of station agent at a number of small stations. CN plans to build some form of heated, and lighted shelter on a smaller scale for its passengers to replace the station building, he said, but this doesn't mean CN intends to dismantle the "rather substantial" building.

Coun. Walter Blehn asked if GO Transit had been approached about taking over or all or part of the building.

"I think it was broached to them and I gather GO Transit did not really think they wanted to get involved in it," Mr. Doty said.

He added that CN would be willing to get together with the

community to come up with a use for the building, preferably not involving a commercial venture. He said CN is largely concerned with safety and security on the property.

"Trains go through there rather fast," he said.

"We would be willing to sit down with the community and find a use for the building," Mr. Doty said. "We would hope that in the meantime, council would endorse the proposal (to close the station)."

"Hypothetically, what would happen if we said, 'No, you can't close it?'" Coun. Peter Morris asked. Mr. Doty answered that the Canadian Transport Commission would hold a hearing.

"Does that mean if we acquiesce quietly to the proposal, there won't be a CTC hearing?" Coun. Roy Booth asked. Mr. Doty said there would be a hearing into the request to close the station whether council objects to the proposal or not.

"I'm rather interested to hear we have the option to object to this, and I'm sure the

rest of the committee wasn't aware of that," Coun. Booth said. "I would like you to tell us why we shouldn't object to the proposal."

Mr. Doty replied that the building is being underutilized, and since the Georgetown station is one of many in a similar situation, the building is up to a considerable cost.

"Under the Railways Nationalization Act of last year, the government of Canada has said, 'You're out on your own,' and this is our attempt to be economically responsible," Mr. Doty said.

Mr. Doty said that because of the nature of the structure and its construction, the building is not portable enough to be moved away from its present location, as has been done in the past with other CN stations, usually the smaller ones of wooden-frame construction.

When Mr. Doty was asked if this meant the ultimate demolition of the building, he answered, "I think we should all regret if that would come to pass because of the age and the value of the structure."

"This almost sound like we're ultimately being asked to take over the maintenance and upkeep of the building," Coun. Booth said.

Coun. Russ Miller, finance-administration committee chairman, asked what the maintenance costs would be on the building. Mr. Doty answered that with heat, light, phones, cleaning and all other maintenance requirements included, the cost would be "about \$1,000 a month."

When he was asked for that figure to be put in writing, he said that it was a roundabout figure which would cover the costs.

The Georgetown Model Railroad Club has expressed interest in having the building, and has said it might be interested in renting part of the building for a club headquarters.

Finance-administration voted to seek a full report on the closing of the station before recommending to council either to support or object to the proposed closing of the station. Organizations with proposals for the building should contact the town offices.

CN spokesman Mike Matthews told The Herald when the idea of closing the station was first presented to council that CN would be considering

## Maple tree dies from overfilling

The death of a mature Maple tree at 200 Churchill Road North in Acton was not caused by damage to its roots during road reconstruction last year, but by the suffocation of its roots by a layer of overlying fill put in three years ago, the town deputy engineer reported.

## Storm sewer plan, design sought

Halton Hills finance-administration committee has recommended that council sign an agreement authorizing R.V. Anderson Associates limited to design and supervise the construction of a storm drainage system for the Lakeview subdivision in Acton.

The agreement as drawn up by the engineering department asks that the design be completed and handed over to the town for study by July 31, but no date has been included in the agreement as to the beginning of the actual construction.

four avenues before the idea of demolishing the building was considered.

The building would first be offered to GO Transit, and if they didn't want it, to the municipality. If Halton Hills isn't interested, Parks Canada, which often gets involved in saving historical buildings, would be notified. If that too fails, CN would offer the building to private individuals before going ahead with the demolition of the building.

Halton Hills Coun. Les Duby had asked works committee to have the town engineering staff look into the matter and determine the cause of the tree's death.

The resident at 22 Churchill Road North, P. Morgan, contacted the works department and suggested that the death of the tree was due to damage to its root structure suffered last fall during road reconstruction last year.

However, on investigation the deputy engineer found the tree's decline to have been caused by the placing of overlying fill around the tree without the use of a tree well to prevent the roots from suffocating. This fill was put in three years ago when Mr. Morgan's house was built.

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## Georgetown BIA seeks street closing

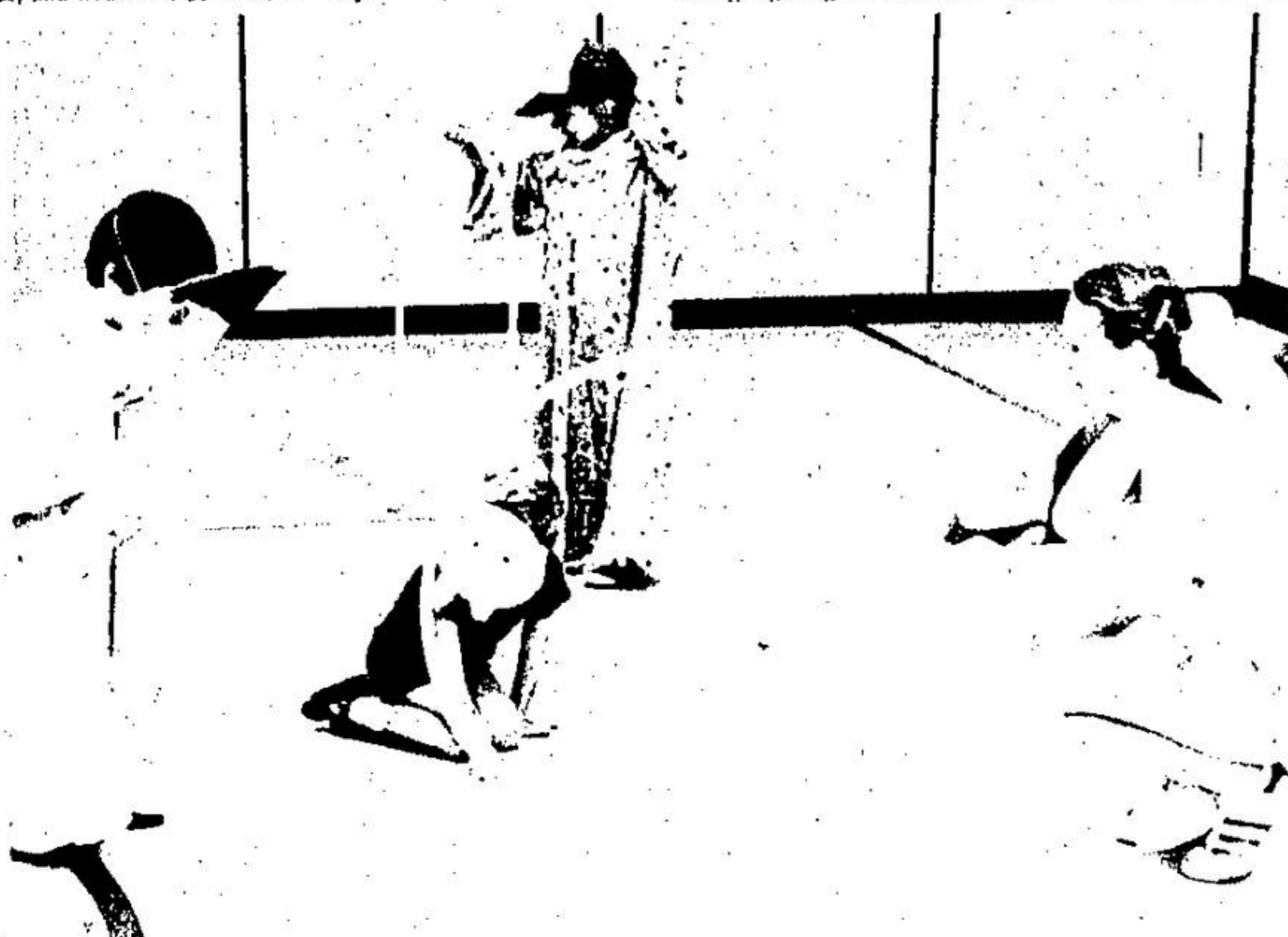
Halton Hills finance-administration committee has recommended council approve a request by the Georgetown Business Improvement Area to assist with a request to the region for permission to close off Main Street from James Street to Church Street for three days in August for a sidewalk sale.

The merchants are planning a sidewalk sale Aug. 24, 25 and 26, and would like permission

from the region to close the street off from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Thursday and Friday and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday.

Because Main Street is a regional road, the region must give permission for it to be closed off.

The merchants also requested that the town works department provide barricades, picnic tables, and additional trash containers for those three days.



## CIRCUS COMES TO TOWN

Stephen Burns, left, and Linda Wilde encourage ferocious tiger Jamie Harris to jump through the hoop at the playground circus at Park School Thursday morning. The circus featured singing clowns, cartwheeling lions, and ferocious tigers jumping through flaming hoops. The

program concluded with a skit about two clowns who had no animals to perform in their circus, and had to conduct a safari. Refreshments were served after the circus to the participants and their mothers.

## Recycling project nets 134 tons waste

The Divide and Conquer pilot project in Georgetown has collected a total of 134.73 tons of recyclable material in the twelve weeks of its operation, deputy town engineer Ted Bullinger wrote in a report to Halton Hills works committee.

The report is in answer to a request by works committee in early June that the committee be kept informed of the progress of the project, which is being sponsored by the Ontario

ministry of environment. By July 14 the project had been underway for twelve weeks and approximately 25 per cent of the 4,731 household in Wards 3 and 4 have participated to some degree.

Newspaper accounts for 69 per cent by weight, glass 21 per cent and metal 10 per cent of the material collected.

Mr. Bullinger reported that the percentages of the respective materials have changed

very little since the program began. The total weight of all three materials collected dropped over the second six-week period from 70.78 tons to 63.95 tons, a decline of about 10 per cent.

Mr. Bullinger attributed this drop in part to the fact that many of the participating households may have been out of town on holidays for some part of that period.